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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR TOPICS

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1. WE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR REPORT THAT SETHNA IS OPER-
ATING UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT THE
INDIANS ARE THINKING ABOUT RENEGOTIATION OF THE BILATERAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF THE NEW U.S. LEGISLATION
AND OUR HEAVY WATER OFFER. WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE
HOW SIGNIFICANT THIS DEVELOPMENT IS AND WHETHER IT REFLECTS
AN INDIAN AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAFEGUARDS IMPLI-
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CATIONS OF SUCH A DIALOGUE. WE WOULD WELCOME FURTHER
EMBASSY/CONGEN SPECULATION ON THIS QUESTION.

2. SINCE RENEGOTIATION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT MUST A-
WAIT FINAL ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION AND THE PREPARATION
OF DETAILED GUIDELINES, WE SEE OUR IMMEDIATE GOAL AS PRE-
VENTING THE INDIANS FROM INTERPRETING OR REINTERPRETING

THEIR SAFEGUARDS CONDITIONS IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE OUR MEETING THEM. ACCORDINGLY, WE THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO ENGAGE THE INDIANS IN A FURTHER DIALOGUE ON BOTH THIS VITAL ISSUE AS WELL AS TO HAVE AN INITIAL EXCHANGE ON HEAVY WATER AND BILATERAL COOPERATION. WE ARE

THINKING OF A VISIT BY JOE NYE, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, NEAR THE END OF FEBRUARY. NYE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MEET NOT ONLY WITH SETHNA AND MEHTA/VELLODI BUT ALSO WITH SHANKAR SO AS TO OBTAIN THE FLAVOR OF PRIME MINISTERIAL OFFICE CONSIDERATION. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT SEEK ANY PUBLICITY BUT, IF A VISIT BECAME KNOWN, WOULD MERELY DESCRIBE IT AS A CONTINUATION OF OUR DIALOGUE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBLE SCENARIO.

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